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Subject: Extension of Comment Period for Rulemaking on Methylene Chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone under Section 6(a) of TSCA: Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231
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Hi Wendy,

Attached please find a letter that SCHF and partners are submitting to the docket re NMP and Methylene Chloride rulemaking.

In summary:

Our organizations strongly oppose the March 17, 2017 request by the Halogenated Solvents Industry Association (HSIA) for a 120 day extension of the comment period on EPA's proposed rule restricting paint removal applications of methylene chloride (MC) and N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) under section 6(a) of the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The current comment period, which closes on April 19, is 90 days in duration. If granted, the requested extension would provide industry with an unprecedented 7 months to comment on the MC/NMP proposal. The proposed rule is essential to protect hundreds of thousands of workers and consumers against serious and widespread risks of adverse health effects. Any delay in completing the rulemaking would jeopardize public health and violate the requirements of TSCA. HSIA's rationale for this delay is flimsy and without substance and reflects a troubling focus on its members' commercial interests at the expense of timely action to eliminate a well-documented chemical threat

Thanks for your attention. Please contact Bob Sussman (copied on this email) with any questions.

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